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Gayle McKeachnie, Consultant
Ziegler Chemical & Mineral Corporation
121 West Main Street
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Re: Initial Comments on Amendment to Large Mine Permit Dated July 11, 2001, Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corporation, Main Shaft #2, M/047/013, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. McKeachnie:

The Division received your notice to amend Ziegler's large mine notice to include a 14 inch diameter drill hole near the Main #2 shaft located in Section 22, T11S, R24E, SLBM. It is understood that Ziegler intends to drill a 14 inch hole to access the 1000' level of the LB-8 mine. This drill hole will allow for the vacuum removal of product from this mining level.

In order to process this amendment the Division requests that Ziegler furnish a map showing the location of this drill hole and support facilities in relation to the Main #2 shaft facilities. Is the area to be disturbed in addition to the acre already disturbed by the activities at the Main #2 shaft? Will there have to be any additional roads constructed to access this site? Will this amendment require earth moving for the location of the support facilities?

The Division will suspend further review of this amendment and await your reply to the above stated deficiencies. For future reference please refer to permit M/047/013.

Sincerely,

Doug Jensen
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: Pete Sokolosky, BLM, Vernal FO
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